

# Floral spring knit

This project is full of the joys of the new season and features four pretty blooms, plus leaves

Designer Lucinda Ganderton has used the finished flowers to adorn a wicker wreath, which makes a marvellous springtime decoration. You could add them to cushions, scarves or bags, or even add a brooch back to make a pretty corsage.

### Measurements & sizes:

Wreath: 35cm wide Daffodil: 10cm wide

Five-petalled flower: 8cm wide Eight-petalled flower: 8cm wide

Rosebud: 8cm long Large leaf: 7cm long Small leaf: 5cm long

## What you will need:

Yarn: DK yarn in shades
(A) White, (B) Yellow,
(C) Pale Green, (D) Mid Green, (E) Turquoise,
(F) Bright Pink, (G) Pale Pink, (H) Purple,
small amounts of each

Needles: 4mm

Buttons: white shank, six Twig garland: 35cm wide

Glue gun Tapestry needle

Tension: 20 sts x 28 rows in stocking stitch over a

10cm square using 4mm needles

Experiment with different yarn weights and their corresponding needle size to make bigger and smaller blooms for your wreath.

For an explanation of the knitting abbreviations used in this pattern please visit the website letsknit.co.uk/knitting-abbreviations

# Begin knitting here:

**DAFFODIL** Make two using yarns A and B, and one in yarn B only.

Petals Make six. Using 4mm needles and yarns A or B, cast on three sts Row 1: k to end Row 2 and all WS rows: p to end Row 3: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five Row 5: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts Row 7: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Row 9: k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. Seven sts Row 11: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts Row 13: k1, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, psso, k1. Three sts Row 14: sl 1 pwise, p2tog, psso. One st Fasten off

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 16 sts
Rows 1-6: (k1, p1) to end
Row 7: (k1, yfwd) to last st, k1.
31 sts
Cast off
Stitch three petals together
at bottom edges to form a
triangular shape. Repeat with
other three petals and place one
centrally on top of the other and
stitch together at centre. Join the
side edges of trumpet and sew
cast-on edge to centre of petals

**Trumpet** Make three.

### **EIGHT-PETALLED FLOWER**

Make two in yarn F and one in yarn G.

Using 4mm needles, cast on seven sts

Row 1: k5, turn Row 2: k to end Row 3: k3, turn Row 4: k to end Row 5: k6, turn Row 6: k to end Row 7: cast off five sts, k to end. Two sts Row 8: k2. turn

Row 9: cast on five sts. Seven sts Rep Rows 1-9 six times more, then rep Rows 1-6 once more Cast off

Sew inside corners of first and last petals together, then arrange petals in a flower shape. Stitch them together securely at the base, then sew a button to the centre

ROSEBUD Make three. Using 4mm needles and yarn F, cast on 20 sts
Row 1: k to end
Join in yarn G
Row 2: p to end
Rows 3-6: cont in st st
Row 7: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
Row 8: (p2tog) to end. Five sts
Join in yarn C
Rows 9-18: beg with a k row,
work in st st
Cut yarn, thread through rem
sts, pull tight and fasten off
Sew sides of stalk together, then

### **FIVE-PETALLED FLOWER**

Make two.

Petals Make five.

Using 4mm needles and yarn H, cast on four sts

roll up top section to make bud

Row 1: k1, (kfb) twice, k1. Six sts Row 2 and all WS rows: p to end Row 3: k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k1.

Eight sts

Row 5: k1, kfb, k4, kfb, k1. Ten sts

Row 7: (ssk) twice, k2, (k2tog) twice. Six sts

Row 9: ssk, (k2tog) twice. Three sts

Row 10: sl 1 pwise, p2tog, psso. One st

Fasten off

Weave in ends. Sew the five petals together at the base, pleating each one to cup it slightly. Fasten off securely and sew a button to the centre

### LEAVES

Large leaf Make three each in yarns C and D, and two in yarn E.
Using 4mm needles, cast on three sts
Row 1: k to end
Row 2: k1, p1, k1
Row 3: (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five

Row 4: k2, p1, k2 Row 5: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts Row 6: k3, p1, k3 Row 7: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3.

Nine sts Row 8: k4, p1, k4 Row 9: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11

sts Row 10: k5, p1, k5 Row 11: k5, m1, k1, m1, k5.

13 sts Row 12: k6, p1, k6

Rows 13-14: k to end Row 15: k to last two sts, k2tog. 12 sts

Rep last row until two sts rem Next row: k2tog. One st Fasten off

**Small leaf** Make three each in yarns C and D and four in yarn E.

Work Rows 1-8 as for Large leaf. Nine sts

Row 9: k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts

Rep last row until two sts rem Next row: k2tog. One st Fasten off

# To make up wreath:

Arrange flowers and leaves on garland and fix in place with a glue gun.

